

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, October 22, 2020

TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Maryland Department of Health

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report (Tricia Roddy)
- II. Prescriber/Provider Enrollment (Molly Marra)
- III. OCCC Crisis Service Grant (Liz Kasameyer)
- IV. EMS Public Certified Expenditures (Liz Kasameyer)
- V. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Other Announcements/Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2020, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 24, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
Ms. Shannon Hall
Ms. Vickie Walters
Ms. Robin Moore
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Mr. Kenneth Garove
Ms. Marie McLendon
Mr. Ben Steffen
Mr. William Webb
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Ms. Nicole McCann
Mr. Paul Miller
Ms. Diane McComb
Ms. Jessica Dickerson
Ms. Anna Sierra
Mr. Vincent DeMarco

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Antonio Hayes
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP
The Hon. Pat Young
Ms. Maansi Raswant

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

September 24, 2020

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Vickie Walters, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:00 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the July 23, 2020 meeting as written.

Departmental Report and COVID-19 Updates

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Director, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, provided the Committee with a combined Departmental report and COVID-19 update.

The Medicaid Advisory Committee met in July right before the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) pushed out the federal public emergency currently in effect to October 23, 2020. There is a possibility that it may be extended for another 90 days.

The Department has completed the rate setting process with our managed care organizations (MCOs) for calendar year (CY) 2020-2021 and they are in the process of signing contracts for CY 20-21 to be completed by October 1, 2020. There is nothing to indicate that we won't have 9 MCOs participating on January 1, 2021.

The MCOs are working hard to continue to get the message out around testing and for participants to get the flu vaccine.

The Department continues to modify our emergency waivers with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) when it is brought to our attention that additional flexibilities are needed.

Given the federal public emergency we had to make a decision regarding how to handle redeterminations. The Department decided to push out redeterminations through December 31, 2020. Individuals who don't submit their information for redetermination will automatically stay on the Medicaid roles until December 31, 2020. As new developments come across at the federal level and if the federal public health emergency is extended further, those redeterminations will be pushed out into calendar year 2021.

Ms. Roddy gave the Committee an update on Medicaid total enrollment since February 28, 2020 and provided a brief history and update on psychiatric Institutions of Mental Disease (IMD) waivers (see attached handout).

Public Health Update – Flu Vaccines and other topics

David Blythe, MD, State Epidemiologist and Director, Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau, gave the Committee a COVID and Flu vaccines 2020 influence update and COVID-19 planning update (see attached presentation).

Family Planning Presumptive Eligibility

Ms. Alyssa Brown, Deputy Director, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, informed the Committee that this initiative came about in part out of a piece of legislation, SB 774/HB 994, that was passed by the General Assembly during the 2018 session. That bill comprised a number of initiatives including permitting the filling of contraceptive prescriptions for a 12 month period, expansion of the Family Planning Program to include individuals up to 250% Federal poverty level (FPL) and to include individuals of any age including males who were not previously covered as well as integration of our Family Planning Program into Maryland Health Connection. This is the last component of that bill to establish a Family Planning Presumptive Eligibility Program (see attached presentation).

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Ms. Molly Marra, Director, Medicaid Provider Services, gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations and state plan amendment changes.

Regulations – The Family Planning Program regulations are going through and anticipate those will print towards the end of October the anticipated date is October 23, 2020.

State Plan Amendments (SPAs) – 1) Adding advance practice nurses to be able to sign off on home health orders, 2) Nursing facility pay for performance. This is the proposal that addresses the 2019 Joint Chairman’s Report has been approved, and 3) Health homes in the Behavioral Health Program will receive a 4% increase beginning on July 1 2020.

Waivers – On or about November 1, 2020, MDH will submit amendments (“Waiver Amendment #3”) for three of its Medicaid waiver programs that are operated by the Developmental Disabilities Administration: Community Pathways, Community Supports, and Family Supports. The purpose of Waiver Amendment #3 includes:

Updates and reorganizing language to better clarify;

Updates to eligibility including:

- a. Removal of initial cost cap limits for the Family Supports and Community Supports Waivers; and
- b. Streamline eligibility for new applicants so that children are supported with the Family Supports Waiver, individuals 18 years of age and older are supported in the Community Supports Waiver; and individuals 18 years of age or older in need of residential services are supported in the Community Pathways Waiver;

Updates to the transition strategy for the new Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS Maryland) fee-for-service billing;

Updates to services including:

- a. Adding remote supports as a service delivery option; and
- b. Consolidating nursing services under one service;

Updates to the self-directed service delivery model;

Updates to billing units including:

- a. Changing all hourly service units to 15 minute units;
- b. Changing the monthly unit for Live-In Caregiver Supports, Support Broker Services, and Employment Services — Co-Worker Employment Supports to an Upper Pay Limit; and

Updates to language to reflect final rates, cost components, and geographical differentials.

The public comment period opened September 1, 2020 and expires September 30, 2020.

Comments may be submitted to wfb.dda@maryland.gov or mailed to DDA Federal Programs at 201 West Preston Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201.

The proposed effective date for Waiver Amendment #3 is January 1, 2021.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Ms. Walters adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.